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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON BERLIN PATROLS

REF: STATE 86351; LONDON 6321; BONN 6882; BONN 6926;
BONN 6968

1. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON DRAFT REPLY TO
SOVIETS TRANSMITTED IN BONN 6882:

A. DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO INCLUDE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF
ORIGINAL US DRAFT TRANSMITTED IN STATE 86351 AS PART OF
NOTE HANDED TO SOVIETS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS PARAGRAPH
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IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US RESPONSE THAN FOR UK AND FRENCH
RESPONSES. IN OUR VIEW, THE PARAGRAPH MAKES IMPORTANT
OPERATIONAL POINTS WHICH COULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN UK AND
FRENCH NOTES. DEPARTMENT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, INSIST THAT
THIS PARAGRAPH BE INCLUDED BY UK AND FRENCH.

B. IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, AN IMPORTANT POINT INCLUDED IN

US DRAFT BUT NOT IN BONN GROUP DRAFT IS FACT THAT SOVIET FLAG VEHICLES ALSO ENTER WEST BERLIN REGULARLY. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND THE SOVIETS OF THIS FACT. POINT COULD BE HANDLED BY ADDING FOLLOWING LAST SENTENCE

TO PARA B OF BONN GROUP DRAFT, WHICH IS BASED ON WHAT WE UNDERSTAND HIBBERT TOLD THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN RESPONSE TO HIS PRESENTATION: BEGIN TEXT: THE SOVIET SIDE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOVIET VEHICLES CARRY OUT DUTIES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. THESE ACTIVITIES IN THE WESTERN SECTORS CORRESPOND TO THE TOURS BY (BLANK) FLAG VEHICLES IN THE EASTERN SECTOR AND ARE PART OF THE LONG-STANDING QUADRIpartite PRACTICE OF CONDUCTING TOURS IN THE RESPECTIVE SECTORS OF BERLIN. END TEXT

C. ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT ALLIED RESPONSE SHOULD CALL IN QUESTION SOVIET MOTIVES FOR SENDING THE NOTE ON PATROLS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE POINT SHOULD BE STATED AS DRAMATICALLY AS DOES THE PRESENT BONN GROUP DRAFT. WE BELIEVE THE POINT ON SOVIET MOTIVES AND DAMAGE TO DETENTE COULD BE STATED MORE CLEARLY IF PARA E OF THE BONN GROUP DRAFT WERE REDRAFTED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: FURTHERMORE, THE (BLANK) GOVERNMENT BELIEVES EFFORTS TOWARDS SECURING THE PEACE IN BERLIN AND THROUGHOUT EUROPE WOULD BE DAMAGED IF QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN WERE UNDERMINED IN THE FASHION SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. ANY QUESTIONING OF THE LONG-STANDING QUADRIpartite AGREEMENTS, DECISIONS AND PRACTICES IN BERLIN, INCLUDING SECRET

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TOURS BY MILITARY VEHICLES OF THE THREE POWERS IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN, COULD HAVE DISTURBING EFFECTS ON THE OVERALL SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF NEITHER SIDE. THE (BLANK) GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE IS RISKING THE STABILITY ACHIEVED BY THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY RAISING THIS CRITICAL POINT.

D. DEPARTMENT CAN ACCEPT PROPOSED FRENCH CHANGE TO PARA B OF BONN GROUP DRAFT (BONN 6968). PROPOSAL FOR PARA E IS OVERTAKEN BY US REDRAFT PROPOSED ABOVE.

2. CONCERNING LEVEL OF DELIVERY (PARA 2, BONN 6882) DEPARTMENT EXPECTS US RESPONSE TO BE DELIVERED TO DOBRYNIN BY THE SECRETARY. WE BELIEVE ALL RESPONSES SHOULD BE AT HIGH LEVEL, BUT DO NOT WISH TO INSIST THAT BRITISH RESPOND AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

3. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT BERLIN SENAT SHOULD NOT BE

INFORMED OF NOTE UNTIL AFTER REPLY HAS BEEN DELIVERED
(PARA 10, BONN 6926). WE AGREE THAT INFORMATION SHOULD
THEN BE PASSED ONLY TO STOBBE AND SCHUETZ AND THAT THEY
SHOULD BE ASKED TO HOLD IT EXTREMELY TIGHTLY.
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